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# Request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session

## Cooperation between the United Nations and the Collective Security Treaty Organization

### Letter dated 14 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the basis of rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour, on behalf of the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, to request the inclusion in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Collective Security Treaty Organization".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory note (annex I) and a draft resolution (annex II) are attached hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

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## Annex I

### Explanatory note

1. At the current stage in the development of international relations, the interrelationship between members of the international community is becoming closer and the political significance of the regional and subregional organizations of States is growing. This process is particularly manifest in such key areas as cooperation in the field of military and political security and of an adequate collective response to new challenges and threats, including, above all, international terrorism and extremism, illegal trafficking in narcotics and arms and organized transnational crime. In all of these areas, there is close interlinkage between the efforts of the United Nations and of inter-State organizations, including the Collective Security Treaty Organization.

2. The member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization include Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The purposes of the organization, which became a regional international organization with the entry into force of its charter on 18 September 2003 and which was registered with the United Nations Secretariat on 16 December of that year, are to strengthen peace and international and regional security and stability and to protect on a collective basis the independence, territorial integrity and sovereignty of its member States. Priority in the attainment of these objectives is assigned by the member States to political means in full conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the universally accepted norms of international law. The organization possesses all the necessary mechanisms for active participation in the efforts of the international community to strengthen peace and international security.

3. The Collective Security Treaty Organization has had observer status in the General Assembly since 2004. Its secretariat has established contacts with the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council and its Executive Directorate. In 2006, the organization was included in the composition of the United Nations standing committee on coordination of the activity of regional and other intergovernmental organizations.

4. The entry into force of the agreement on peacekeeping activity of the Collective Security Treaty (signed on 6 October 2007 at a session of the Collective Security Council and currently ratified by four of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization) took place on 16 January 2009. The machinery that is taking shape for peacekeeping activity presupposes the possibility of its use in peacekeeping operations, including those under United Nation auspices.

5. The results of the activity of the Collective Security Treaty Organization justify speaking about the real potential of its cooperation with the universal international organization on the basis of the principles of partnership, joint participation and complementarity of efforts, particularly in combating drug trafficking from Afghanistan.

6. We believe that in order to achieve the most effective level of cooperation and interaction between the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the United Nations, the interrelationship between them should be intensified on a regular and orderly basis. This objective would be served by the adoption by the General

Assembly of a resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the organization. That would permit a real strengthening of interaction between the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the United Nations, expand their mutual capabilities and promote the safeguarding of peace, security and cooperation at the regional and global levels.

## Annex II

### Draft resolution

### Cooperation between the United Nations and the Collective Security Treaty Organization

*The General Assembly,*

*Referring* to its resolution 59/50 of 2 December 2004, in which it accorded the Collective Security Treaty Organization observer status in the General Assembly,

*Referring also* to the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage measures for regional cooperation to advance the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Welcoming* the efforts of the Secretary-General of the Collective Security Treaty Organization to strengthen the role of that organization in the attainment of objectives consistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

*Referring* to Security Council resolution 1631 (2005) of 17 October 2005, in which the Security Council calls on regional organizations to improve coordination with the United Nations, and to the Declarations of the General Assembly of 9 December 1994 and 17 February 1995, on the strengthening and improvement of maintaining cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in international peace and security,

*Emphasizing* that the growing contribution by regional organizations to cooperation with the United Nations can usefully supplement the Organization's activity for the maintenance of international peace and security,

1. *Takes note* of the activity of the Collective Security Treaty Organization for the development of regional cooperation in such areas as the strengthening of regional security and stability, peacemaking, counter-terrorism, combating illegal trafficking in narcotics and arms, countering organized transnational crime and human trafficking and combating natural and man-made disasters, which contributes to the attainment of the purposes and principles at the United Nations;

2. *Notes* the importance of strengthening dialogue, cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and the Collective Security Treaty Organization and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations to engage, to this end, in regular consultations with the Collective Security Treaty Organization, utilizing for this purpose the appropriate inter-institutional forums and formats, including the annual consultations between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of regional organizations;

3. *Invites* the specialized components of the United Nations system, such as the Department of Political Affairs, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate, to cooperate with the Collective Security Treaty Organization and develop direct contacts with it for the joint implementation of programmes aimed at the attainment of their objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session a sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Collective Security Treaty Organization".